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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Groups I, claim(s) 24-36, 41-47, 49-52, 54, drawn to a position detecting method, an exposure apparatus and a making method .

Group II, claim(s) 37-40, 48, 53, and 55, drawn to a position detecting method.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: detecting position of a plurality of divided areas divided by street line on the substrate by using an observation optical system for performing image pickup of a boundary between the street lines and divided areas on the substrate (as recited in group I) and detecting positions of a plurality of divided areas divided by street lines on a substrate by detecting a plurality of position detection marks formed on the street lines and determining a moving route of the substrate (as recited in group II) respectively have separate and distinct utility.

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3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR

1.143).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Hung Henry V. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-

2124. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (First Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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